

TRADE IN WEST INDIES HIT APPRECIABLY BY WAR

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TRINIDAD IS BETTER PLACE

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KINGSTON, JAMAICA, August 7.—Although trade in the West Indies generally has suffered to an extent which is quite appreciable, owing to special war conditions, yet Jamaica, on account of the perishable nature of its principal commodity—bananas—has had a more serious setback than any other of the British West Indian colonies. The sister colony of Trinidad is more favorably placed on account of better shipping facilities offered in neutral and British vessels.

The effect of war conditions in Jamaica is exhibited in the customs collections. Since August, 1914, imports and exports have decreased 12 per cent, while excise revenue has fallen to an even greater extent. The falling off in exports is due almost entirely to the lack of adequate shipping.

Comparing the latest returns for 1914 with the corresponding period in 1913, the following percentages illustrate the decreases in various typical exports: Coffee, 11 per cent; cocoa, 17 per cent; dyewoods, 33 per cent; bananas, 41 per cent; ginger, 49 per cent; pineapples, 59 per cent; rum, 54 per cent; sugar, 13 per cent; cotton, 9 per cent, and honey, 57 per cent.

Bananas, which form the principal export of the colony, representing 60 per cent of the total exports, have fallen by almost one-half, and this in a year when the crop is the largest in the island's history. The colony, in fact, has had a record production in almost all lines, but total exports are almost one-third less than in normal years. As a consequence perishable commodities are wasted and in some places surplus fruit for banana plantations, not protected by firm contracts with the fruit trading companies, can not find buyers at 3 cents per bunch.

It is the very irony of fate that after the hurricane of 1912 and a period of almost continuous drought in some sections since 1909, just when the seasonal rains have been the best since the year 1906 with a record crop both as regards quality and quantity—the island should be placed in a position where it can not market its produce for lack of vessels to carry it. The situation has been somewhat relieved by the action of the Imperial government in arranging for ocean transport for some of the surplus sugar crops, but this benefit to the island as a whole is small, as sugar occupies but a comparatively insignificant position in the bulk of the colony's exports. The basis on which Jamaican property taxes are levied is on the revenue derived from it, and the fact that it puts more money into circulation than all the other departments of agricultural activities, but because of the regular and sufficient ocean transport therefore, is an essential condition to the island's prosperity. This Jamaica has not got, and there seems no immediate prospect of improvement in the situation.

ENGLAND IS NOT IN POSITION TO ACT

England is not in a position to act, except to find freights for such products as she may immediately require. The case of Jamaica, therefore, turns to the United States, not only for the reason that she is the island's best customer for bananas, buying 50 per cent of the gross production, but for the further reason that American capital and energy and enterprise has developed the banana trade to its present position of pre-eminence.

It is interesting here to note the relative positions of the mother state and America, both as buyers and sellers. In 1874 Jamaica purchased from Great Britain 54 per cent of her entire imports, and in 1914, 20.5 per cent, while she purchased from America in 1874, 30.8 per cent and in 1914, 47 per cent, respectively. In other words, in forty years trade with Great Britain has diminished by 16.4 per cent, while relations with the United States were: United Kingdom, 8.2 per cent; United States, 40.2 per cent, and at the same time the bulk of trade during the period mentioned has more than doubled in value. Jamaica's next best customer is Canada, where purchases in 1914 amounted to 7.2 per cent, with sales totaling slightly over 8 per cent.

One reassuring feature of the situation is the present high prices of special products, which, in a measure, help to compensate for other losses. For instance, rum and sugar have soared to a point which has not been attained in the present generation. Rum stands at quite double ante-war prices, varying, according to quality, from 87 cents to \$1 per imperial gallon, while sugar is practically \$5 per hundred weight. At these prices a very handsome margin is left over cost of production, certainly not less than 50 per cent on capital invested.

But in spite of these favorable factors, lack of steamship freights hits the island trade in its most vital spot, the banana trade.

AMERICAN KILLED IN BATTLE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, August 7.—The names of several men who gave their home as the United States upon volunteering with Australian contingents for active service in this war have lately appeared in the published lists of casualties cabled from Turkey to the Commonwealth.

Some have been killed and some wounded. Notable among those killed was Sergeant Major A. L. Sherbourne, who enlisted in a New South Wales command. Sherbourne was a native of Indiana, and was thirty-one years old. He was a trolley-car conductor in Newcastle, this state, when he enlisted. He was seriously wounded in the first landing of Australian troops upon the Gallipoli Peninsula, but in a recent letter to a friend in Newcastle he announced his intention of shortly returning to the front. He did so, and met his death.

Sergeant Major Sherbourne served in the United States Navy in the war with Spain, and subsequently served in the British army in the Boer War. He was present at the capture of Santiago in the former war, and in the latter he earned a medal. After the Boer War he joined the Cape Mounted Police in South Africa and received special commendation for courageous conduct. Later he entered the railway service in South Africa. He was a man of fine physique and an expert boxer and athlete. He also had considerable

Goes to Italy to Join Her Husband



Princess Rospiqlo
UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD, N.Y.

There sailed for Italy, aboard the S. S. Dante Alighieri, from New York on July 28, the Princess Rospiqlo, formerly Laura Stallo, with her month-old baby, to join her husband, who returned to Italy a few weeks ago. The princess is the granddaughter of Alexander McDonald, the Standard Oil millionaire, of Cincinnati, and is the latest American heiress to marry into the nobility of Europe. She is going to Naples to be near the prince, who is soon to join the Italian army at the front. On board the Dante Alighieri there was the largest number of Italian reservists who have thus far sailed from New York for Italy.

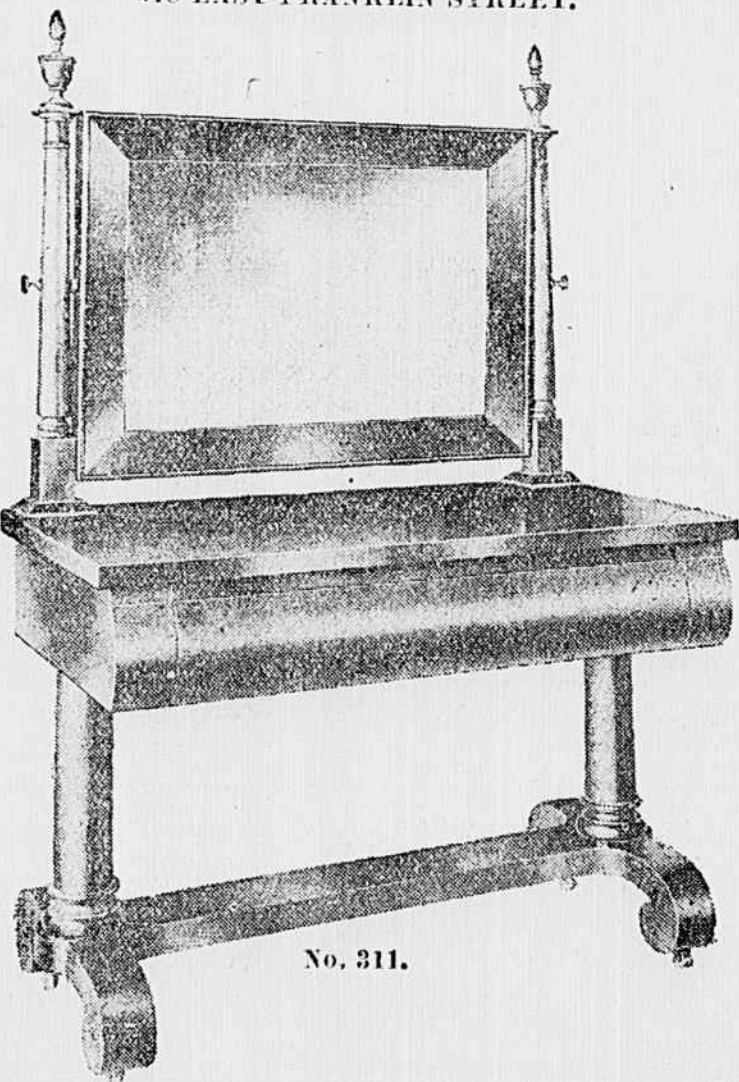
literary attainment, and was the author of a number of short stories. In a letter written by him to a Sydney newspaper not long before the Australian expeditionary force was shifted to Turkey to fight he vigorously denounced the conduct of the Australian soldiers in Egypt, it having been reported in some quarters that the troops from the Antipodes were falling into evil ways. He left Australia a corporal, and was eventually promoted while in Egypt.

VON JAGOW TO RESIGN

Early Retirement Reported as Probable From Berlin.
LONDON, August 7.—The correspondent at Amsterdam of the Exchange Telegraph Company hears from Berlin that the resignation of Gottlieb von Jagow, the German Foreign Secretary, is probable. The minister's retirement will be attributed to ill health, but the real reason, according to the correspondent's advice, will be due to two blunders, the first being the Austro-Hungarian note to the United States regarding the exportations of munitions, which was sent to Washington without consulting him, and the second being the revelation contained in the Belgian gray book that Herr von Jagow urged the division of the Congo between Germany and France.

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55c Voile Embroidery Flounce; 35 inches wide; large, heavily embroidered mer-cerized designs; yard, 35c Main Floor.

BEGINNING TO-MORROW (MONDAY) OUR

August Sale—Homefurnishings

To-morrow will see the inauguration of the first of a series of special sales of Homefurnishings, involving practically our entire stock of home wares and furnishings in each of their respective departments.

We set out months ago, to make this our greatest August Sale. And now, as we announce it, we feel

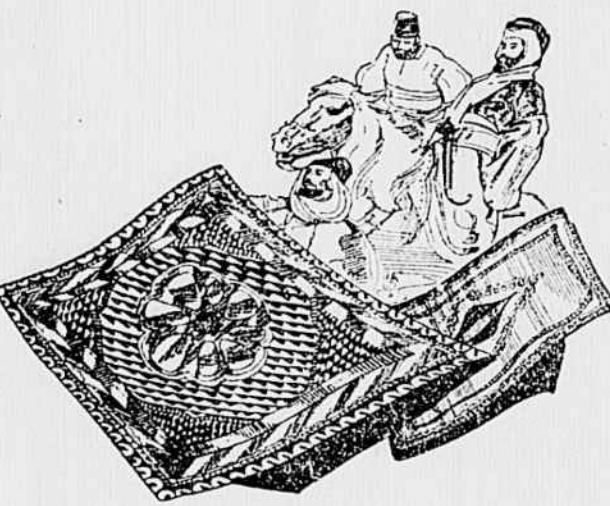
assured of the success of our plans. The concerted effort of every buyer and the remarkably favorable market conditions have combined to make this a wonderful money-saving opportunity that no home-lover, with any manner of home needs, can afford to miss.

For to-morrow's sale, your special attention is directed to the scores of offerings in

Floorcoverings, Draperies and Curtains, Beddings, Household and Fancy Linens, and Miscellaneous Wares in the Housefurnishings Dep't

Coming, as it does, at this most opportune time, when homelovers are thinking of furnishing or adding to the home, or making arrangements to move, this is an event that no one who considers PRICE as well as QUALITY, can afford to miss.

August Sale of RUGS



A Great Auction Purchase Last May Brings You These Splendid Floorcoverings at About Present Wholesale Prices.

We bought liberally at the May auction sales of Alexander Smith Sons and Stephen Sanford Sons Carpet Companies, foreseeing the inevitable rise in prices as a result of conditions in Europe—the source of yarn and dye supplies for carpets. We place them on sale at cost, with our usual small profit added, which is about what they would cost us if purchased now.

Prices are still advancing, and we will probably not be able to duplicate these values later.

- \$16.50 Seamless Brussels Rugs, 9x12; newest patterns \$12.50
- \$25.00 Seamless Axminster Rugs, 9x12; all this season's designs \$19.50
- 9x12 Seamless Wilton Rugs; would sell for \$22.50 if purchased under present conditions of market \$16.50
- 9x12 New Process Brussels Rugs; hard weave; fast colors; each \$9.50
- 9x12 Seamless Wilton Rugs; heaviest Wilton made; a good \$35 Rug for \$25.00
- Axminster Rugs, in various patterns and match sets: 6x9-ft. sizes for \$13.50, 4½x6½-ft. sizes for \$7.50, 3x6-ft. sizes for \$2.95, 3x9-ft. sizes for \$5.50, 3x10½-ft. sizes for \$6.25, 3x12-ft. sizes for \$7.00, 27x54-in. sizes for \$14.95, 27-in. by 9-ft. sizes for \$8.75, 27-in. by 10½-ft. sizes for \$14.25, 27-in. by 12-ft. sizes for \$15.00

Curtains and Draperies

Buy Draperies now for the fall and winter and get the benefit of these wonderful savings. Special dull-season purchases and sample lots of 2, 4 and 6 pairs of curtains make these prices possible:

- \$4.00 White Cable Net Lace Curtains, 3½ yards long; attractive styles; pair \$3.00
- Scotch Net Lace Curtains, 3 yards long; big value for pair \$1.50
- \$5.50 White Irish Point Lace Curtains, scroll centers; 3 yards long; pair \$4.00
- \$9.00 White Irish Point Curtains, 3½ yards; beautiful patterns; not more than 4 pairs of a style; pair \$7.00
- \$4.00 White Tambour Lace Curtains, 3 yards; suitable for bedrooms; pair \$3.00
- 11.50 Fine Arabian Net Curtains; wide Battenberg edge; pair \$9.50
- \$7.50 White Irish Point and Cluny Lace Curtains; 3 and 3½ yards long; pair \$5.00
- \$2.25 Arabian Net Curtains; novelty braid trim-mings; 3 yards long; pr. \$1.75
- White Marie Antoinette Curtains, with Renaissance medallions and edges; beautiful patterns; not many of a kind; special, pair \$15.00
- \$16.50 White and Ecru Net Curtains, with Marie Antoinette and Renaissance trimmings; not more than 3 pairs of a style; pair \$12.50
- 3½ yards White Scotch Net Lace Curtains; various patterns; pair \$2.00
- Valance Ready-to-Hang Lace Curtains; 3 yards long; pair 89c
- 2½-yard White Nottingham Lace Curtains; pair 42c

ON THE LAST LAP OF THIS

Clearance Sale of Garments

- Silk Pongee Suits, in late box coat models, some braid-bound; sold as high as \$27.50; Clearance price \$9.50
- Wash Dresses, of lawn, voile, linene, crepe and batiste; that sold up to \$6.95; Clearance Sale price \$3.00 only

Second Floor.

In the GARMENT SALON To-Morrow

An Advance Showing of Fall Fashions

A Distinctive Collection of Women's and Misses' Correct Apparel for Immediate and Early Fall Wear, Embodying the Most Approved Ideas of the World's Fashion Authorities.

A showing well up to the high standards of this exacting Garment Shop, and offering extremely interesting prices.

Fall Dresses and Suits

Smart Dresses of serge and taffeta; also street and afternoon Dresses, of crepe meteor, \$10.00 to \$32.50.

Chic Suit Models of serge, poplin and check velours, in a wide variety of distinctive styles, showing the new fall lines; navy, brown, checks and black, \$15.00 to \$35.00.

Second Floor.

White Goods Department

English Longcloth, 12-yard Piece for 68c

Ready for the needles; chamamois finish; full 10 yard pieces; not more than one piece to a customer.

25c Warp Welt Pique, 12½c yard

The quality we have always sold for 25c; a special clean-up price for Monday.

Main Floor.

Wash Goods Department

Printed Lace Voile, 8c yard

36 inches wide; this quality never sold for less than 19c; at the best patterns, in both neat and large designs, on white grounds; one case only for this sale.

32-inch Zephyr Gingham, 10c yard

Real 12½c value; plaids and stripes; one case only as a special for Monday.

Stripe Voiles, 12½c yard

A new shipment of these popular goods for Monday; 40 inches wide; equal stripes and dice checks.

Main Floor.

Household Linens

Housewives will find this the most comprehensive assortment of Table and Home Linens they have yet had the opportunity to select from, and at prices which we cannot promise to duplicate after this lot is sold.

- 25c Mercerized Table Damask, 58 inches wide; all neat patterns; yard 25c
- All- linen Napkins, full bleach; close weave; regularly \$2.00; dozen \$1.50
- Lot of 25 German Damask Tablecloths, 67x84½ inches; \$3.50 grade; not more than one to a customer; \$2.48
- Hemmed Mercerized Table Napkins, extra quality; ready for use; instead of 75c dozen; price, 60c
- 70-inch Silver Bleach Damask, 70 inches; will give more service than any other cloth; \$1.00 instead of \$1.50, each
- Irish Linen Sheetting, 2½ yards wide; the \$1.00 quality; on sale at yard 68c
- 10x40 Hemstitched Linen Towels; monogram for embroidery; full weight, good quality; best 39c value; not more than 25c to a customer, at each

Main Floor.

Sale of Housefurnishings

Dinner Sets

If there is a need for Chinaware or a Dinner Set, or if there is a possibility of such a need at some future time, RIGHT NOW is the time to buy. Prices are steadily on the rise.

This is especially true of IMPORTED CHINAWARE, in which we make the following offerings for this sale, at prices less than the present import duties. Because of the European war

and increased insurance rates, prices are steadily advancing. These and other numbers (while our stock lasts) are offered at before-the-war prices.

Fine American China

100-piece Dinner Sets; full service for 12 people; three style decorations, as follows:

- Gold Spray \$7.50
- Green and Gold Border \$10.00
- Pink and Blue Spray \$18.50

(Copy of English Minton China.)

Imported China

Fine French China Dinner Set, of extra thin quality; neat floral decoration; 100-piece set for \$15.00

Austrian China; decorated with thin gold band; 100-piece set for \$35.00

Open Stock Dinner Sets; Theodore Haviland China; neat decoration; 100-piece set for \$50.00

Miscellaneous Housewares

Ironing Tables; hardwood; folds up when not in use; regularly \$1.19; sale price 85c

Medicine Cabinets; heavy steel, triple-coated white enamel; bevel plate mirror; towel rack underneath; regularly \$5.00, for \$3.95

Effner Fly Traps; catches flies outdoors; used by City Health Department; special \$2.50

7-qt. Tea Kettles; copper, nickel-plated; highly polished; \$1.25 Kettles for 95c

25-lb. Flour Bins; gray enameled; tight-fitting covers; \$1.25 ones for 75c

Blue Flame Oil Stoves; cabinet style; 2-burner size; regularly \$6.75, for \$4.75

3-burner size; regularly \$8.50, for \$6.50

\$1.50 Hedge Shears; Sheffield steel; warranted; each 85c

\$1.00 Ice Tea Glasses; tall, clear fluted glass; ground bottom; dozen 75c

Third Floor.